Statement

Sector-wise annual installed capacity, %age capacity utilisation of fertilizers plants during the last 3 years (1989-90 *to* 1991-92)

Annual Installed Capacity

('000 MT)

Sector	Nitrogen			Phosphate		
	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Public Sector	4332	4332	4326	819	819	790
Coop. Sector	1532	1532	1532	309	309	309
Private Sector	2284	2284	2352	1622	1622	1650
TOTAL	8148	8148	8260	2750	2750	2751

%age Capacity Utilisation

Sector	Nitrogen			Phosphate		
	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Public Sector	66·7	66·3	69·0	53·7	62·4	92.4
Coop. Sector	107·7	112·4	112·8	72·4	75·4	113·2
Private Sector	96·8	105·0	108·5	69·8	80·6	89.5
TOTAL	82.8	85·8	88·4	65·3	74·4	93·0

Landed cost of import of Thioridazine

3097. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER bt pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow the landed cost of import of Thioridazine including overinvoiced imports of Sandoz;

(b) whether it is a fact that the earlier decision of not allowing such high priced imports in the weighted average is being reversed, at the level of Development Commissioner;

(c) the number of cases in which earlier decision of this type been reversed, what are the bulk drugs involved and what is the difference between the import price of leading importer and the others; and

(d) what steps are being taken to investigate this matter and identify the forces behind such acts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The matter is being looked into.

(b) As already mentioned in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 748 answered on 16.7.1992, no general decision of this kind was taken.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Cost study of Diloxanide Furoate

3098. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when was the cost study of Diloxanide Furoate carried out by the BICP and what was the cost of production for each unit as determined by the BICP;

(b) since when M/s. Boots are out of production and at what price they have been purchasing this drug from M/s. Camlin;

(c) what is the price of Diloxanide Furoate on which formulation prices are based at present;

(d) whether it is a fact that the pricing system for the formulations is giving unintended benefits to M/s. Boots and is operating aaginst the consumer; and

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken to fix formulation prices on the market price of Diloxanide Furoate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) BICP conducted cost-cum-technical study for bulk drug Diloxanide Furoate and Submitted its report to this Department in February, 1989. For this study BICP studied the cost structure of M/s Boots, M/s Camlin and M/s Unique.

(b) There is no information available with the Government that M/s. Boots is out of production of bulk drug Diloxanide Furoate and is purchasing bulk drug from M/s. Camlin.

(c) The prices ceiling pack of formulation based on bulk drug Diloxanide Furoate have been fixed at the current notified price of Rs. 501 per Kg.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) There is no information with the Government that the bulk drug Diloxanide Furoate is being sold at price lower than the notified price.

Price of Cimetidine

3099. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price of Cimetidine on which the formulation prices are based at present and when were they fixed for the leading brands;

(b) whether it is a fact that landed cost of import has declined to Rs. 2,857 per Kg. but formulation prices continue to be based on Cimetidine prices of Rs. 6,800 per Kg.;

(c) the reasons for which the price of formulations was not reduced *suo-moto* and the authority responsible for allowing unintended benefit to the producers for such a long period; and

(d) what steps are being now contemplated to bring down the prices immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The existing prices of ceiling packs of formulations of Cimetidine are based on bulk drug price of Rs. 1363.16 (cif) per Kg. These prices were fixed on 29-6-1989 on *suo moto* basis.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Prices of Proxyvon range of formulations

3100. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of overcharging of prices of Proxyvon range of formulations an Ibudex came to notice in 1984 and since then the company has been avoiding to furnish the details and changing the producer from Panama Industries and so on;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company have overcharged the public by crores of rupees;

(c) whether prosecution of the producer have not been launched under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the present position in this regard and what action is being taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Sir, this fact came to the notice of the Government while examining the cases of overcharging in the prices of these formulations by M/s. Ultim and M/s. Celsus, based on a letter received in August, 1988 from an Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

(b) Sir, it is a fact that there has been overcharging in the prices of Proxyvon range of formulations and Ibudex capsules. However, the amount of unintended benefit could not be calculated because the companies concerned have not furnished the requisite dttails despite remainders.

(c) and (d) This is under examination.